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SUBJ: POSSIBLE EXPORT CONTROL VIOLATION INVOLVING RCA
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED OF POSSIBLE EXPORT CONTROL VIOLATION INVOLVING SWISS FIRM AND RCA ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS. SWISS COMPANY, HASN GLOOR ELEKTRONIK, RUEDENWEG 6, BOOL, SWITZERLAND, BELIEVED TO BE RECEIVING ADVANCED RCA ELECTRONIC DIODES WITHOUT US EXPORT APPROVAL OR CONTROL. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AT LEAST SEVEN RCA "STACK DIODES" HAVING RCA DESIGNATION 30130 HAVE BEEN SOLD. THEY ARE USED IN CONNECTION WITH GLOOR'S MANUFACTURE OF AN INFRARED LASER DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. FROM FRAGMENTARY INFO, POSSIBILITY APPEARS EXIST THAT GLOOR OBTAINING ABOVE DIODES FROM RCA EUROPEAN SUBSIDIARY OUTSIDE SWITZERLAND. GLOOR'S INFRARED LASER SYSTEMS ARE SOLD IN W GERMANY AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE.

2. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL FILES LIST HANS GLOOR ELEKTRONIC AS PRIVATELY-OWNED FIRM FOUNDED IN 1975; IT IS NOT LISTED IN SWISS TRADE REGISTER. HANS GLOOR, SWISS NATIONAL, BORN AUG 21, 1975, IS SOLE OWNER OF PREMISES AND LABORATORY. COMPANY ACTIVITIES CENTER ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND SALES OF LASER TECHNOLOGY.

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3. EDO UNABLE FOLLOW UP ABOVE INFO BY DIRECT INQUIRY WITH

GLOOR BECAUSE OF SWISS COMMERCIAL SECRECY LAWS. FURTHER,
SINCE COMPONENTS APPEAR TO HAVE ENTERED SWITZERLAND
WITHOUT PRIORI US GOVT KNOWLEDGE, THEREFORE WITHOUT US
REQUEST FOR SWISS ISSUE IMPORT CERTIFICATE, IS IS UNLIKELY
SWISS AUTHORITIES WOULD CONSIDER GLOOR HAS VIOLATED SWISS LAW.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ABOVE BEING FORWARDED FOR POSSIBLE
FOLLOW-UP WITH RCA.
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